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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 July 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/26/01.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 26, 2001, has been received and considered by the Examiner.

### ***Specification***

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

### ***Claim Objections***

1. A series of singular dependent claims is permissible in which a dependent claim refers to a preceding claim which, in turn, refers to another preceding claim.

A claim, which depends from a dependent claim, should not be separated by any claim which does not also depend from said dependent claim (i.e. claims 6, 12, and 17). It should be kept in mind that a dependent claim may refer to any preceding independent claim. In general, applicant's sequence will not be changed. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) The invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-24, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Anderson et al. (hereinafter Anderson), U.S. Patent 6,567,122.

2. In considering claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, Anderson teaches a network system and method, comprising: At least one network unit 100 having a variable internet protocol (IP) address and unique identification information; and an agent server 760, including a database 1001 for receiving and storing said variable IP address and said unique identification information from said at least one network unit, and a control unit for receiving said unique identification information of said at least one network unit from a user over a network, for searching said database for said variable IP address of said at least one network unit on the basis of the received unique identification information, and for enabling the user to gain access to said at least one network unit in accordance with results of the searching of said database. See col. 8, line 47 through col. 10, line 14. Also see col. 12, line 57, through col. 13, line 29.

3. In considering claims 2, 8, and 14, Anderson teaches a communication unit for receiving said unique identification information and said variable IP address from

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said at least one network unit, and for transferring said unique identification information and said variable IP address to said database. See col. 9, lines 39-50.

4. In considering claims 3, 9, 15, 20, 21, and 23, Anderson teaches the unique identification information including at least one of an Ethernet address of said at least one network unit, an identifier of said at least one network unit, and a search keyword for said variable IP address of said at least one network unit. See col. 9, lines 39-50.

5. In considering claims 4, 10, 16, and 18, Anderson teaches said control unit receiving at least one of said Ethernet address, said identifier of said at least one network unit, and said search keyword from the user over said network, comparing said at least one of said Ethernet address, said identifier of said at least one network unit, and said search keyword with data stored in said database to produce a match, and searching for said variable IP address when the match is produced. See col. 9, lines 39-50.

6. In considering claims 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 22, and 24, Anderson teaches the data stored in the database being updated at regular time intervals. See col. 13, lines 1-12, and col. 14, lines 54-67.

**Conclusion**

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Odenwald, U.S. Patent 6,671,727 discloses a method for providing persistent device identification in a network environment.

Cotner et al., U.S. Patent 6,247,055 discloses a system and method for enabling a client to reconnect to a same server in a network after the server has moved to a different network address.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is (571) 272-3940. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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